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CRREL Receives Army Research & Development Organization Award

HANOVER, N.H.—The U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) has been selected, in the small laboratory category, as the Army Research and Development Organization (RDO) of the year.

On July first the Honorable Paul J. Hoeper, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition (ASARDA), announced the selection of CRREL as winner of the 1998 Research and Development (R&D) Organization of the Year, in the Army's small laboratory category. (This is the first year that the ASARDA will present RDO Awards for Organization of the Year and Excellence in two categories: Large R&D Organization and Small R&D Organization. The intent is to recognize outstanding Army R&D organizations that contribute to enhancing the Army's capabilities and readiness. Having the two categories will allow R&D organizations with a wider range of personnel and funding resources, such as CRREL, to be recognized.) The competition evaluated research accomplishments, management objectives, strategic planning, and operational support to the soldier in the field.

In early June CRREL's director, Dr. Barbara J. Sotirin, and commander, Lieutenant Colonel Mark C. Nelson, presented CRREL's accomplishments to the Army RDO evaluation committee. The areas of research that were highlighted in the presentation included: recent advancements in civil engineering, environmental assessment and clean-up tools, winter hydrology, humanitarian demining, remote sensing/geographic information systems technologies and operational support to deployed soldiers in Bosnia. Although CRREL is a U.S. Army laboratory, it is internationally known among academia, private industry, federal, state and local governments, and foreign entities for its cold regions scientific and engineering expertise. CRREL's research and development efforts span the world from New England and Alaska to Antarctica, Canada, Norway, Russia, Korea, and war-torn Bosnia.

CRREL's mission is to gain knowledge of the cold regions through scientific and engineering research, and to put that knowledge to work for the Corps of Engineers, the Army, the Department of Defense, and the Nation. CRREL, headquartered in Hanover, New Hampshire, with a field office in Fairbanks, Alaska, is the only Department of Defense laboratory addressing problems and opportunities unique to the world's cold regions.

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